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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Helms

SUBJECT : Resume of Bundy Project

1. After your call on Saturday afternoon (19 February), I phoned Mr. McGeorge Bundy at his office and got a direct statement of his requirements. I then asked the SIDO to contact Messrs.

[redacted]
[redacted] of OCI and have them meet me at the Watch Office at 1730. [redacted] who had been on duty for most of the preceding 24 hours, called me shortly thereafter. We discussed his contribution over the phone and I excused him from participation in the evening meeting.

2. The group outlined above assembled on schedule, augmented by [redacted] of ORR. I explained the project in hand and circulated a rough outline of points to be covered. We discussed this for a short time, then broke up into drafting groups, with each contributing to the areas of his or her particular competence. I also called [redacted] of OCI/CAS but, on discovering that he was about to leave for the theater, asked only that he come in Sunday morning to review what we had put together.

3. I then called DIA and got hold of [redacted]
[redacted] DIA Team Chief for the evening of Saturday-Sunday, 19-20 February. After explaining the general nature of what we were required to do, I asked that DIA make whatever input they could within their sphere of competence. [redacted] called back shortly thereafter to say that some of the material

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would have to come through J-3 and it would facilitate matters if a written request for assistance could be furnished. Such a request (copy attached) was immediately scribbled and forwarded to the NMCC via LDX. Not long thereafter [redacted] of DIAAP-2F phoned to establish contact, he being the officer called in to work on this assignment. We discussed the project further and he said he would do whatever he could. Later in the evening he phoned back to report that he was preparing a written contribution which would be in our hands by 0700 and that he had queried MACV through SSO channels for clarification on one or two points and the most recent military figures available.

4. The basic drafting was done by [redacted] in their usual commendably competent fashion, though [redacted] also provided useful written contributions.

5. I returned to the Watch at 0800 Sunday morning, melded the CIA contributions, [redacted] input, and the MACV cable into a single document and drafted the covering letter (whose text I checked with you over the phone), which I signed for you. The original of the finished product together with the original and one copy of the transmittal letter was hand-carried by me to National Airport and personally delivered to Senator Muskie before he boarded his plane. Other copies (in addition to yours) were furnished to Mr. McGeorge Bundy, the Director, Mr. R. J. Smith, and Mr. E. Drexel Godfrey.

6. Per [redacted] request, I sent him a copy of the final product for his records. I think it would be politic also to send a copy to General Carroll through more official channels under a covering note from you. A copy for this purpose, together with a draft note, is attached herewith.

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